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SUBJECT: 1976 GROSS AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT (GAO)

1. CENTRAL PRESS ALSO CARRIED SUBJECT NUMBER ON JAN.
23, 1977. FIGURE GIVEN WAS 117.4 BILLION RUBLES, SAYING
THAT THIS WAS THREE PERCENT, REPEAT THREE, HIGHER THAN
THE ANNUAL AVERAGE DURING THE NINTH PLAN. FYI, SUCH
AVERAGE ANNUAL OUTPUT FOR 1971-75 PERIOD WAS 90.9 BILLION.

2. CHECK WAS MADE WITH CENTRAL STATISTICAL ADMINISTRA-
TION (CSA), BECAUSE ON BASIS OF ABOVE STATISTICS THIS
PERCENTAGE GROWTH RATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASTRONOMICAL 29
PERCENT. CSA INDICATED THAT REASON FOR THIS LARGE DIFFER-
ENCE IS THAT CALCULATION OF GAO WAS CHANGED THIS YEAR FROM
1965 PRICE INDEX TO 1973 PRICES. ALSTHOUGH NOT INDICATED,
WE ASSUME THAT STATE PROCUREMENT PRICE SERIES ARE INVOLVED.

3. COMMENT: QUICK CHECK OF GAO RECORDS HERE IN-
DICATES THAT THEY HAD BEEN TIED TO 1965 PRICES SINCE
1966 OR 1967 AND THAT SHIFT FROM PREVIOUS SERIES WAS
ALSO MADE IN 1956, I.E., THIS APPEARS TO BE STANDARD
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STATISTICAL PRACTICE ON TEN-YEAR BASIS. THERE IS
ALSO CERTAINLY GOOD STATISTICAL LOGIC IN UPDATING BASE
YEAR PRICES AT START OF NEW FIVE YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY,
HOWEVER, THIS OCCURS IN AN UNUSUAL AGRICULTURAL YEAR
AND MAKES ANALYSIS IMPOSSIBLE. FURTHER, IT REALLY
RENDERS AN ALREADY VAGUE GROWTH CALCULATION ALMOST
MEANINGLESS, BECAUSE WE MUST, AT PRESENT AT LEAST, ACCEPT

AT FACE VALUE THE SOVIET INTER-RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE
TWO SERIES. FYI, AGATTACHE HAS MEETING WITH GOSPLAN
OFFICIAL TODAY AND WILL ATTEMPT TO LEARN MORE ON
SUBJECT.
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